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Applicants: T. TAKAHASHI et al.
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Examiner: V T. T. Nguyen

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 9, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Ex parte Quayle Office Action dated June 15, 2004, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants are submitting herewith a Reissue Patent Application Statement as to Loss of Original Patent." Regarding this, it is noted that the Ex parte Quayle Office Action required the surrender of the original U.S. Patent No. 5,966,341. As noted in the attached Reissue Patent Application Statement as to Loss of Original Patent, the Applicants have determined that the ribboned original patent grant is lost or inaccessible. Accordingly, entry of the attached Reissue Patent Application Statement as to Loss of Original Patent, and allowance of this reissue application is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is a Supplemental Declaration for reissue patent application to correct "errors" statement based upon discussions during a telephone interview

conducted with the Examiner on March 18, 2004, as noted in the Statement of Substance of Interview filed on March 19, 2004.


In light of the submission of the attached papers, it is Applicants' understanding that all formal matters in regard to this reissue application have been satisfied, and, correspondingly, allowance of this reissue application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 501.34214R00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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